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**Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan
Draft RI/FS Work Plan**

Dear Sam:

In compliance with Task 1: *RI/FS Work Plan*, and Task 2: *Sampling and Analysis Plan*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the enclosed Draft RI/FS Work Plan and, as a separate, but integral document, the Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan.

As required, the RI/FS Work Plan presents a summary of the existing information about environmental conditions at the mill, and describes Weyerhaeuser's strategy and approach for collecting additional information needed to evaluate the nature and extent of contamination, to assess risk, and to support development and evaluation of remedial alternatives. The Sampling and Analysis Plan contains the supporting documents (the Field Sampling Plan, the Quality Assurance Project Plan, The Quality Management Plan, and the Health and Safety Plan) that describe the methods and procedures to be followed in collecting additional data at this site.

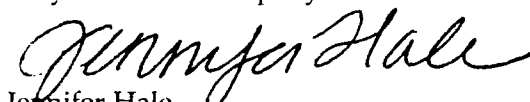
The data gathering activities were designed on the basis of historical data and land use information to identify areas of potential concern. Potentially completed exposure pathways were identified from a preliminary conceptual site model that reflects historical land use and current conditions. Reasonably anticipated future land use(s) for the site, and corresponding potentially completed exposure pathways, were identified based on the U.S. EPA Brownfield grant-funded redevelopment planning efforts conducted with the City of Plainwell in 2004 and 2005 by Ecology & Economics, Inc. (E²). As we have discussed, Weyerhaeuser is continuing to work with the City of Plainwell, as well as with an urban planning firm, to refine redevelopment concepts for the site. If the final land use plan agreed upon by the City is materially different from the plan prepared by E², additional data may need to be collected. Additional data may be collected as either an addendum to the RI or as a pre-design activity.

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We trust that you will find that the approach described in RI/FS Work Plan is consistent with Weyerhaeuser's previous discussions with the U.S. EPA for integrating the remediation and redevelopment activities at this former mill, and with our recent meeting with you. At your convenience, we are available to meet with the U.S. EPA review team to discuss any comments you may have on the enclosed documents.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,
Weyerhaeuser Company


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